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Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 35th and 36th meetings, on 12 and 13 December 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.35 and 36).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General containing the budget for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 (A/56/624) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/685).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.20

4. At the 36th meeting, on 13 December, the representative of Nepal, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor" (A/C.5/56/L.20).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.20 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and resolution 1338 (2001) of 31 January 2001, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration,

Recalling its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 55/228 B of 14 June 2001,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the trust fund for the multinational force,

Also noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor, and inviting further such contributions to the Trust Fund,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Transitional Administration with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor as at 15 November 2001, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 239.9 million United States dollars, representing some 20 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Transitional Administration to the period ending 31 December 2001, notes that some 19 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and on time, and urges all other Member States to

[1] A/56/624.
[2] A/56/685.

make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration in full and on time;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Transitional Administration;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Transitional Administration is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Transitional Administration against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Transitional Administration;

11. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 458,000,128 dollars gross (445,193,514 dollars net) for the operation of the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, inclusive of the amount of 3,000,128 dollars gross (2,773,914 dollars net) for the support account for peacekeeping operations, in addition to the amount of 17,027,947 dollars gross (14,943,699 dollars net) already appropriated for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,778,786 dollars gross (1,597,340 dollars net) already appropriated for the United Nations Logistics Base by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/228 B, and inclusive of the amount of 282 million dollars gross (273,025,800 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly in its resolution 55/228 B;

12. *Decides also*, taking into account the amount of 282 million dollars gross (273,025,800 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2001 and the amount of 18,806,733 dollars gross (16,541,039 dollars net) already apportioned for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 55/228 B, to apportion among Member States the amount of 23,000,128 dollars gross (22,220,931 dollars net) for the period from

1 to 31 January 2002, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B of 23 December 2000;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 779,197 dollars approved for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 to 31 January 2002;

14. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 100,000,000 dollars gross (97,235,083 dollars net) for the period from 1 February to 30 June 2002, at a monthly rate of 20,000,000 dollars gross (19,447,016 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in its resolution 55/5 B, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Transitional Administration beyond 31 January 2002;

15. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,764,917 dollars approved for the Transitional Administration for the period from 1 February to 30 June 2002;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Transitional Administration;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Transitional Administration in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor".